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SUBJECT: SOVIET TREATMENT OF EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT

1. SUMMARY: SOVIET MEDIA WERE SLOW TO REPORT
EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT AND HAVE SO FAR TREATED
IT WITH CAUTION. SOVIETS HAVE NOT COMMENTED DIRECTLY
ON SUBSTANCE OF THE AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. FIRST REORT ON AGREEMENT APPEARED IN IZVESTIYA
EVENING OF OCTOBER 10. REPORT STRADDLED FENCE ON
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POINTS OF AGREEMENT BY REPRINTING MENA VERSION CITING

FOUR POINTS FOLLOWED BY WASHINGTON-DATELINED STORY
GIVING TEXT OF SIX POINTS BASED ON WHITE HOUSE
ANNOUNCEMENT OF SECRETARY'S LETTER TO UNSYG. PRAVDA
OCTOBER 11 CARRIED LATER TASS ITEM (DATELINED CAIRO)
REPORTING THAT AGREEMENT WOULD BE SIGNED OCTOBER 11
AND LISTING SIX POINTS -- OMITTING HOWEVER, PORTION
OF POINT B WHICH SAYS THAT DISCUSSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE
IN FRAMEWORK OF AGREEMENT ON DISENGAGEMENT AND SEPARATION
OF FORCES UNDER AUSPICES OF UN.

4. PRAVDA OCTOBER 12 REPORTED THAT EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI
REPRESENTATIVES SIGNED AGREEMENT OCTOBER 11 AND QUOTED
EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN AS SAYING AGREEMENT IS
FIRST STEP IN REALIZING SC RESOLUTIONS 338, 339 AND
242 AND IS PRELIMINARY PREPARATION FOR ME PEACE
CONFERENCE.

5. PRAVDA COMMENTATOR YURIY ZHUKOV IN TV FOREIGN
AFFAIRS DISCUSSION OCTOBER 10 TOLD VIEWERS
WESTERN PRESS WAS FULL OF REPORTS SAYING EGYPT AND
ISRAEL HAD ACCEPTED AGREEMENT FOLLOWING SECRETARY'S
TALKS IN CAIRO AND SISCO VISIT TO TEL AVIV. ZHUKOV SAID
REPORTS GAVE CONTRADICTIONARY STATEMENTS ON WHAT AGREEMENT
MIGHT CONTAIN AND WARNED AUDIENCE TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT
SUCH REPORTS UNTIL THE PICTURE IS CLEAR.

6. NOVOSTI FOREIGN AFFAIRS LECTURER (SMIRNOV)
TOLD AUDIENCE OCTOBER 11 THAT SOVIET GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS
EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A SETTLEMENT
AND CORRESPONDINGLY SUPPORTS EFFORTS TOWARD THAT END BY
THE SECRETARY OF STATE. LECTURER DID NOT, HOWEVER,
DISCUSS AGREEMENT OR COMMENT DIRECTLY ON ITS CONTENTS.
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